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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on November 25, 2002

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed

☐ Amendment/Reply

☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☒ Other: Check for \$860.00.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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3. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1652.

- ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e)
- ☒ Extension of time fee if necessary/
- ☒ If necessary, any other required fee

4. ☒ Applicant(s) believe that a one-month (1) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that further extensions are required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1652.

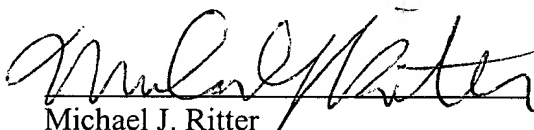
5. ☒ Enclosed is our Check No. 2804 in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the RCE Fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 (e) and extension of time fees.

6. ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (RATLP007).

7. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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